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1. DEPUTY PERMREP DISCUSSED WITH UNESCO OFFICIALS OUT-LOOK FOR GETTING SUBJECT CONVENTION OPERATIONAL BY EARLY DATE. THEIR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION RATHER OPTIMISTIC WHICH BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) IN ADDITION TO FOUR STATES WHICH RATIFIED WHC TO DATE, STEPS FOR RATIFICATION PROCEDURE FAR ADVANCED IN JAPAN, FRG, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, AND UK;

(B) UNESCO WILL SOON BE UNDERTAKING MISSION IN ARAB COUNTRIES TO INDUCE THEM TO ACT PROMPTLY ON CONVENTION AND EXPECTS THEY WILL FOLLOW EGYPT LEAD WITHOUT MUCH DELAY;

(C) BOLLA (DIRECTOR, UNESCO DEPT. FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE) HAS TAKEN SUBJECT MATTER UP WITH GOVTS OF CEYLON AND INDONESIA WHILE ON HIS RECENT TRIP THERE AND GOT ENCOURAGING RESPONSES.

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2. DEPUTY PERMREP ALSO RAISED RECENTLY THE SUBJECT WITH

HIS FRENCH COUNTERPART, WHO STATED THAT ALL GOVT AGEN-
CIES HAVE CLEARED RECOMMENDATION FOR WHC RATIFICATION
WHICH IS NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT FOR FINAL ACTION EXPEC-
TED BEFORE JULY NEXT.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS, WE DO
NOT BELIEVE THAT MATTER BE PLACED ON 94TH EXBD AGENDA
OR THAT REPRESENTATIONS IN CAPITALS NECESSARY AT THIS
TIME.

4. PERMREP WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIS
COUNTERPARTS IN PARIS AND WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS,
AND WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN
THIS MATTER.

5. DAIFUKU ALERTED TO DEPT'S INTEREST RE WHC AND WILL BE
PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.
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